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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (currently amended) A pearlescent composition comprising:

(a) a dialkyl ether corresponding to formula (I):



wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently of one another represent linear or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl groups having from 12 to 22 carbon atoms;

(b) a cationic polymer selected from the group consisting of cationic cellulose derivatives, cationic starches, copolymers of diallyl ammonium salts and acrylamides, quaternized vinyl pyrrolidone/vinyl imidazole polymers, condensation products of polyglycols and amines, quaternized collagen polypeptides, quaternized wheat polypeptides, polyethylenelamines, copolymers of adipic acid and dimethylaminohydroxypropyl diethylenetriamine, copolymers of acrylic acid with dimethyl diallyl ammonium chloride, polyaminopolyamides, cationic chitin derivatives, condensation products of dihaloalkyls with bis-dialkylamines, quaternized ammonium salt polymers, and mixtures thereof; and

(c) an [emulsifier selected from the group consisting of a fatty acid-N-alkyl polyhydroxyalkyl amide, an] alkyl ether sulfate[, a betaine, and mixtures thereof].

Claim 12. (previously presented) The composition of claim 11 wherein the dialkyl ether is distearyl ether.

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Claim 13-14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (previously presented) The composition of claim 11 wherein the emulsifier is an alkyl ether sulfate corresponding to formula (V):



wherein  $R^6$  is a linear or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl group containing from 6 to 22 carbon atoms,  $x$  is a number from 1 to 10, and  $X$  is selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium and glucammonium.

Claim 16-17. (cancelled)

Claim 18. (previously presented) The composition of claim 11 containing from 1 to 15% by weight of the dialkyl ether, from 1 to 15% by weight of the cationic polymer, and from 70 to 98% by weight of the emulsifier, all weights being based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 19. (previously presented) The composition of claim 11 wherein the dialkyl ether has an average particle size of from 0.1 to 20  $\mu m$ .

Claim 20 (currently amended) A cosmetic composition comprising:

(a) from 0.1 to 5% by weight of a dialkyl ether corresponding to formula (I):

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wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently of one another represent linear or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl groups having from 12 to 22 carbon atoms;

(b) from 0.1 to 5% by weight of a cationic polymer selected from the group consisting of cationic cellulose derivatives, cationic starches, copolymers of diallyl ammonium salts and acrylamides, quaternized vinyl pyrrolidone/vinyl imidazole polymers, condensation products of polyglycols and amines, quaternized collagen polypeptides, quaternized wheat polypeptides, polyethyleneimines, copolymers of adipic acid and dimethylaminohydroxypropyl diethylenetriamine, copolymers of acrylic acid with dimethyl diallyl ammonium chloride, polyaminopolyamides, cationic chitin derivatives, condensation products of dihaloalkyls with bis-dialkylamines, quaternized ammonium salt polymers, and mixtures thereof;

(c) from 1 to 50% by weight of an [emulsifier selected from the group consisting of an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside, a fatty acid-N-alkyl polyhydroxyalkyl amide, an alkyl ether sulfate], a betaine, and mixtures thereof]; and

(d) remainder, water, all weights being based on the total weight of the cosmetic composition.

Claim 21. (previously presented) A process for imparting pearlescent properties to a cosmetic composition comprising adding a pearlescent-effective amount of the pearlescent composition of claim 11 to the cosmetic composition.

Claim 22. (previously presented) The process of claim 21 wherein the cosmetic composition is selected from the group consisting of a hair shampoo, a hair lotion, a foam bath, and a skin creme.